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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Office Directors

SUBJECT : Establishment of China Intelligence
Study Group (CHINTELL)

1. In order to provide an intellectual focus for the efforts of the Directorate of Intelligence and the Office of Scientific Intelligence regarding Communist China, DDI is establishing a China Intelligence Study Group. This Group, which will be composed of selected analysts engaged in research on Communist China, can perform a number of useful services in connection with the intensified effort against China required by the USIB and the DCI.

2. The Group would, of course, focus on substantive problems, as opposed to administrative or operational matters. For example, the Group could identify areas of research that should be undertaken and their relative priority, as well as possible new analytical approaches to problems concerning Communist China, and the problems of collection related thereto. The Group could usefully identify subject areas in which substantive competence now exists in the DDI and OSI, and areas for which it would be desirable to obtain additional competence. The DDI and the Office Directors should seek the views of the Group regarding proposed new research or production projects concerning Communist China, including projects in support of collection activities before subject projects are actually initiated. The Group should be encouraged to make proposals or recommendations on any matter or action which it believes would improve our intelligence on Communist China.

3. While this is a DDI Group, many aspects of the China problem will need to be considered in the context of Community programs. Moreover, the Group's efforts to contribute to our intelligence collection guidance program will necessarily have an impact upon Community activity. Hence it must consider its mission broadly.

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4. In short, the mission of the Group is to critically review CIA production programs on Communist China and to make recommendations for improving them as well as to more meaningfully relate the programs of the individual production components. As a corollary, it will assist our collection guidance effort.

5. The Group would provide support to General Collins, who has been designated from CIA to deal with General Reynolds, the DCI's representative with respect to the Community's intelligence activities concerning Communist China. General Collins would look to the Group to obtain the judgments and views of the production elements of the Agency on substantive matters arising from General Reynolds' activities.

6. Group conclusions and recommendations on any problem will be submitted to the DDI or to the Office Director concerned for decision and action.

7. Mr. W. P. Southard, Deputy Chief, Research Staff, is designated Chairman of the China Intelligence Study Group. The membership of the Group will be announced later, after Mr. Southard has had an opportunity to consult with the interested Office Directors.

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